

**PETITION TO SECURE THE KRAUSE BASIN - PETERS RIDGE AREA**  
From Use by Off-Road Vehicles off of Peters Ridge Roads and Strawberry Lake Road  
In the Revised Flathead Forest Plan and Its Motor Vehicle Use Maps

**Whereas** the 1988 Noisy Face Recreation Plan began the process of phasing ORV use out of this area by prohibiting ORV races, halving the ORV trails, and requiring that the remaining trails “will not be marked on the ground” and,

**Whereas** the 1995 Flathead Forest Plan Amendment 19 finds the area has twice the allowable motorized route density and half the grizzly bear security required by Forest Plan standards, and,

**Whereas** the Flathead National Forest has failed to either enforce the 1988 Plan or close the remaining ORV routes to provide adequate grizzly bear security and,

**Whereas** the FNF now proposes in its draft revised Forest Plan to instead mark these routes on the ground and designate the area a “Focused Recreation Area” where ORV use is emphasized,

**We, the undersigned, urge** the remaining ORV routes be closed to motorized use and the area assigned a Management Area in the Forest Plan that reflects only non-motorized uses are allowed off of the Peters Ridge Roads and Strawberry Lake Road.

**This will** not only increase security for grizzly bear, calving elk, lynx, and wolverine, it will honor the lower-impact foot, ski and bike use that are predominant and will help maintain peace and quiet in the adjacent Foothills Road neighborhood.

<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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Please return to Swan View Coalition, 3165 Foothill Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 by April 30, 2015!